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## **IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

**FY 2007, 2008, and 2009**

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**IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

**SUMMARY**

**PURPOSE OF MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

During the fiscal year 2009 Legislative Session, the Idaho Women's Commission did not receive an appropriation and effectively ceased to function as an entity within Idaho State government as of July 1, 2009. We performed a management review for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009 to provide general assurance on the recorded activity and close out of the organization.

**CONCLUSION**

We did not identify any significant conditions or weaknesses as a result of our review.

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

There are no findings and recommendations in this report or the prior report.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The following financial data is for informational purposes only.

**IDAHO WOMEN'S COMMISSION – FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Fund	Beginning Cash/ Appropriation	Receipts/ Transfers in	Disbursements/ Transfers Out	Ending Cash/ Appropriation
0001 General Fund	\$31,300	\$0	(\$29,862)	\$1,438*
0349 Miscellaneous Revenue Fund	837	5,963	(6,800)	0
	<u>\$32,137</u>	<u>\$5,963</u>	<u>(\$36,662)</u>	<u>\$1,438</u>

\*The balance of the General Fund was reverted at June 30, 2009.

**OTHER ISSUES**

For the first time since its inception, the Idaho Women's Commission received no appropriation from the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee of the legislature. The joint committee unanimously voted to zero-fund the Commission, and because of that vote, no appropriation was passed by the legislature for fiscal year 2010.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the State of Idaho and the Idaho Women's Commission and is not intended to be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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# APPENDIX

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## **HISTORY**

In 1965, under executive order of Governor Robert E. Smylie, the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women was founded. The Commission was created as a statutory commission under Idaho Code in 1970, and given the name Commission on Women's Programs. During the 1997 Legislative Session, the Commission was changed to the Idaho Women's Commission. The agency was part of the Office of the Governor.

The Idaho Women's Commission did not receive an appropriation for fiscal year 2010, and effectively ceased to function as an entity within Idaho State government as of July 1, 2009.

## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

Authority for the establishment and operation of the Idaho Women's Commission is contained in Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 60, Sections 1 through 6.

## **PURPOSE**

Idaho Code, Section 67-6001 states that the purpose of the Commission is to encourage and stimulate women in order to increase their participation in, and contributions to, the social, political, and economic progress of local communities, the State, and the nation. The Commission acted independently, or in cooperation with similar commissions and committees established by the President of the United States and the governors of other states.

## **ORGANIZATION**

Idaho Code authorized the Governor to appoint up to 35 members for three-year terms. No more than 30 members may be women. During fiscal year 2009, the Commission consisted of 10 members who served on a volunteer basis and were reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses. The Governor also appointed the director, whose compensation was fixed.

## **FUNDING**

The Commission had three funding sources. The majority of the Commission's funding was an appropriation from the State's General Fund. The Commission also received an occasional grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, for use in miscellaneous projects. Donations and contributions were received from the distribution of printed materials.